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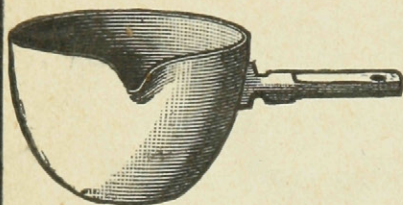
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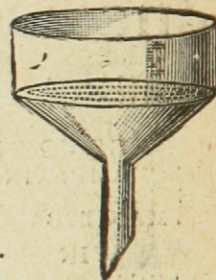


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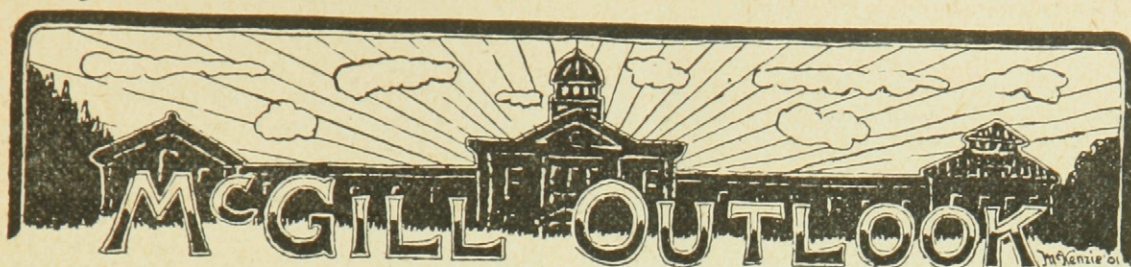
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## Editorial.

There will be no OUTLOOK next week, but the members of the Board will bend all their energies towards making the Christmas number as good as possible. We would be especially glad to receive suitable contributions during the coming week, and hope our budding poets and satirists will not find the pressure of work so hard as to prevent them from helping us.

The Debate with Ottawa College, on Friday night, will be one of the most interesting events of the session, and every student should do his best to be present. Ottawa is sending down two men with enviable reputations as speakers, both of them Bachelors of Philosophy, men whom long training in Logic has eminently fitted for concise and conclusive argumentation. All students who have attended our own Literary Society Meetings confidently expect our own team to win, and, all things consi-



dered, we know of no reason why they should not. Both have speaking powers above the average, and if wide research and careful arrangement of facts and figures are the essentials of a good argument, success should rest with them. Furthermore the subject chosen is the one uppermost in the minds of all British public men to-day, and one in which every citizen of the Empire should be vitally interested. The Literary Society extends a most cordial invitation to all students to attend this Debate, and hope to see a record crowd in the R. V. C., Friday night.

The hearts of the skaters are filled with joy, because the preparations for the rinks have been begun so early. Last year the skating rink did not open for nearly a week after the winter term opened, and the laments and imprecations were long and loud. With good weather the skating rink should be run all through the holidays, as well as the hockey rink. A good many students remain in the city, and the comment is heard every year that skating on the Campus would very much brighten two very dreary weeks. The Executive of the Skating and Hockey Club have begun well: we hope they will keep it up.

There is a proposition before the Hockey Club that a team be sent down into the United States during the holidays to play the leading teams among the American Colleges. Such a move would doubtless be a good one, provided a good team can be got together, but if such a thing were contemplated, practice should be begun immediately, for Columbia and Yale commenced practice over two weeks ago in New York. We hope the Club will not rush blindly into this matter without knowing what

material will be available. There seems to be no necessity for courting defeats this year.

In another column will be found a letter signed "Medicine," which utters a complaint against the attitude of the OUTLOOK on the Dance question, and while we have no wish to bring controversies into the Editorial column, yet we feel that some explanation is possible and perhaps necessary. Apart from the fact that the communication is an anonymous one, we find it rather hard to answer; not because we can find nothing to say, but because the Editor holds opinions on the very questions, which "Medicine" raises, so much at variance with the accepted conception of Class and University spirit that he shrinks from committing the OUTLOOK and the rest of the Board by any definite statement of views likely to prove so unpopular with the majority of the students. "Medicine" seems to feel hurt because the OUTLOOK Board consists principally of Arts' and Science men, whom, he says, run the paper, but we would ask him to ponder over the following facts. Medicine, in the matter of subscriptions, falls this year, and has fallen every year from time immemorial, far and away below the average of the other Faculties of the University: secondly, but two Medical men have ever applied for admission to the OUTLOOK Board and both were heartily welcomed; one remains as one of our most reliable and hard-working members; the other resigned on the plea of too much work; and, thirdly, of half a dozen men who were asked to become members of the Board, not one had the interest of the College paper sufficiently at heart to undertake the small additional work of an associate editor. We hear the plea of "too much work" raised so often that it seems as if Medical men imagine that



the only work done in the University is that of their own Faculty.

Let me assure the writer of the letter that the Editorials on the Dance question were written from one point of view, and one point only, and that was as a member of a Faculty rather than a member of a Class. The Editor has no hesitancy in saying that he desires Faculty Dances rather than Year Dances, and that he deplores the strife and occasional ill-feeling aroused by the repeated controversies on the subject. We believe that Class spirit at McGill is an absolute dead letter. The Old Faculty System in Athletics was abolished in one fell sweep at a mass meeting of students, who, carried away by the eloquence and specious arguments of men (one a Medical by the way, and one of the most convincing and persuasive student speakers we have heard), who are ever ready to accept the methods and manners of the Colleges of the United States as the best possible, gave up the old tried system for one of which they knew absolutely nothing, and of which the result has shown the foolishness. We believe that a proper Class system, if feasible, would tend to foster a deeper University spirit among McGill students; but at the time the change was made, circumstances were far from favourable, and the time was far from ripe. With a system of residences, a union and what-not of which we hear so much, the result might have been different, but it seems strange indeed that the absolute impossibility of combining into anything like a composite whole, a Class, divided in tastes, aims and interests, should not have struck those instrumental in carrying out the change even in the heat of enthusiasm. And what has been the result. The writer has most vivid recollections of the Sports' Day and Theatre Night of his Freshman days and possibly "Medicine" remembers

it too. The stand was filled with students keyed up to the highest pitch of enthusiasm, shouting for their own Faculties, and with a double interest in every event; an interest in the Faculty to which we belonged, and an interest in the friend for whom one or two or three years of companionship has aroused a personal and lasting interest. Will "Medicine" contrast with that day, our sports last October and include in the comparison the Theatre Night processions and celebrations of the two years. And as in Sports' Day and Theatre Night, so in everything else, we were promised a general interest in Class affairs over the whole University, and we have established Class organizations, whose meetings but give opportunities for three-cornered Faculty fights; we were promised the friendship and interest of our Classmates in other Faculties, and we have but succeeded in estranging and antagonizing the men in our own: we were promised that our Athletics would profit by the change, and year by year we see interest gradually dying out until it has now become hard to get twelve men to represent a Year on a football team, where formerly every Class in every Faculty had an Athletic organization that would put to shame any of those now existing among the Years. It would be amusing were it not at the same time pitiful to see McGill striving after a shadow and losing the substance which generations of University men found so satisfying.

It may sound paradoxical to say that we believe Arts' and Science would give up their Dances in favour of Year functions, but such, we think, is the case. It may be because they still believe that Class spirit is not the dead thing it is or because each hesitates to make the first break in the existing order of things. But personally, my dear "Medicine," I might with all sincerity have includ-



ed Arts and Science with Medicine in calling the Class spirit a "farce" and rest assured that I am just as anxious to have the Medical Faculty Function perpetuated as those of Arts and Science.

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This is the last number of the OUTLOOK that will be sent to students who have not paid their subscriptions. In order that none of the numbers may be lost, subscriptions should be in the hands of the Class Reporters during this week, as the Board cannot guarantee to supply any back numbers.

#### THE ERASMIAN LEGEND.

The Physics Lecture Theatre was well filled on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 7, for Prof. Emmerton's Lecture. Mr. Talbot Papineau briefly introduced the Speaker, and gave the title of the Lecture, "The Erasmian Legend." Prof. Emmerton explained this to refer to the popular notions about the life and works of Erasmus, which, after long study of the subject, he had come to consider erroneous. The distinguishing feature of Erasmus was his individuality. Born into no family, owning no fatherland, following no man's creed, and, despite his longing for friends, never quite willing to pay the price of friendship, he stood alone, pathetic and self-centred. He was also essentially a literary genius, who, even when he tried to write history, gave it a distinct literary tinge, and whose letters were regular essays. Moreover, he believed that a wise man should have two kinds of truth—one for himself and his intimate acquaintances, the other for the world. Though his works were voluminous, filling eleven folios, they furnished very scanty autobiographical material. Historians had relied more or less implicitly on the following:

"The Compendium Vitae;" the "Letters to Gromius," and "Servatius;" and the "Ichthyphagia" or "Dialogue on Eating Fish."

It was now held, however, that these were all more or less untrustworthy.

The "Compendium Vitae," which, though not published until long after Erasmus' death, was probably genuine, was written near the end of his life, and addressed to a friend. It occupied itself largely with diminishing the stain on its author's birth, representing him as an only child, and putting the fault of his parents as mildly as possible. But the first of these details was contradicted by the "Letter to Grunius," which speaks of an elder brother.

The "Letter to Grunius," the Papal Secretary, told under feigned names the story of Erasmus' childhood. It represented his guardians as having tried by every possible means to induce him and his brother to enter a monastery. After a long and determined resistance, the youths gave way, and at the age of 17, young Erasmus began his novitiate at Stein. Here, by petting and flattering him, and finally assuring him that it was too late to turn back, the monks induced him at the end of his term of probation to don the religious habit. In this letter again we find inconsistencies. The schools are spoken of as feeders of the monasteries, the cleverest lads being urged to join the orders. Yet, Erasmus is continually assailing the monks as ignorant creatures and foes to learning. Then he assures Grunius that the prior of a monastery is chosen for his rank stupidity; but, in the "Letter to Servatius," prior of Stein, he speaks of the former prior, under whom he had lived in the convent, as having assured him of his unfitness for monastic life, an extraordinary



amount of penetration for a stupid, ignorant brute!

The "Letter to Servatius" is in answer to an invitation from the prior to re-enter the monastery. In most respectful terms it assures him that the writer is totally unfitted for such a calling, and retells many of the details given in the former letter.

The biographical portion of the *Ichthyphagia*—a dialogue between a fishmonger and a butcher, which treats of true worship as opposed to forms and ceremonies—is a bitterly satirical description of "Vinegar College," i.e., the Collège Montague, where Erasmus resided while in Paris. This, being satire, can hardly be considered a good basis for robe history.

All the above works are open to suspicion, with regard to their historical accuracy from the fact that the earliest of them was written some thirty years after the events it describes. With the best intentions in the world, a man of 50 may fail to give a correct account of his feelings at the age of 20. Taking them separately, we find still further causes for hesitation about accepting them unreservedly.

The "Compendium Vitae" is largely concerned with setting its author's origin in the best possible light. The "Letter to Grunius" is a piece of special pleading. Erasmus had left his order and become a secular priest. He now wishes a dispensation from Rome to justify him in putting off the monastic garb, and in taking orders, despite his *defectus natalium*. Hence, he is interested in showing firstly, that he never should have been a monk, and, secondly, that his birth was not so bad as his opponents would make out. The "Letter to Servatius" is also special pleading. Further light was thrown on this part of Erasmus' life by the

discovery, in 1816, of a considerable body of correspondence from Erasmus to Harmonius, an Italian scholar and an intimate friend of his, in which much is said about a favour Harmonius is to procure for his friend. At the same time a letter from the Pope to this same Harmonius was discovered, in which several indulgences, including permission to drop the monastic garb, are granted Erasmus. This, taken together with a declaration from Harmonius, that he has fulfilled his mission, leave little room for doubt that the favour spoken of, which is stated to involve various appeals to great persons, is none other than the procuring of these same indulgences. Now, the date of the correspondence is 1577, the year after the publication of Erasmus' Greek Testament, which had raised a storm of criticism, including, as was then common, personal attacks. Hence, Erasmus' evident anxiety to remove what might be a handle for his private enemies to take hold of. It has even been suggested that Grunius, of whom nothing else is known, is an imaginary person, and that the letters to him and to Servatius are later inventions of Erasmus.

Further light on the untrustworthy nature of the autobiographical writings of Erasmus is thrown by an early work of his own, *De Contemptu Mundi*, in which monastic life is highly lauded. This treatise was written at the age of 20, just at the time when, according to his own account, he was chafing under the restraints of convent life. Moreover, some letters of his dating from this period, written to some young companions, show no trace of that deadening influence of which he afterwards complains of, and an epistle written to a monk, when Erasmus



was about 60, speaks highly of the monastic life.

The truth, probably, is this. Erasmus' guardians, after the death of his parents—a parish priest, and one of his female parishioners—thought, quite rightly, that the best place for this clever, studious lad, was a monastery. He entered and found the life much to his likings, as he could study as much as he chose, and had many friends until his unfortunate temperament, which never could let him, be contented anywhere, began to assert itself. He then accepted a position as secretary to a bishop, who intended travelling in Italy. The Italian journey was never made, and Erasmus was given a small stipend, and took up his residence at a charity college—the Montague—in Paris. Here, probably, life was not at all ideal, as we again hear loud complaints and revilings against the hostile forces of which Erasmus loved to pose as the victim.

As for his attacks on monks, these are not the chief motive of his work, but merely a better and more forcible repetition of what others had said before him. Erasmus was a man of convictions, to which he gave such emphatic utterance that men looked to him for greater qualities of leadership than he actually possessed; but he had his limitations, in that he was too fond of seeing all questions from both sides, without having any guiding principle by which to choose his ailments thereto. His work was not prompted by personal feeling; therefore, if in our study of him we let tradition go and keep his personality in the background, we keep what is highest and best, losing much that is petty.

Prof. Emmerton speaks in a good but somewhat jerky style, a common fault with professors who must lecture with a view to the fact that

their students are taking notes and will lose track if they go too fast. Dean Walton moved a vote of thanks. The Lecturer had told us of one who, though we were sorry to hear that he was such a liar (laughter), was still a man and no puppet. He had given us the fruit of his own thought, not a rehash of other men's work.

The vote was enthusiastically carried.

### THE YALE MISSION IN CHINA

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As the result of two or three years of private consultation, the Yale Foreign Missionary Society was established in June, 1902, with ex-President Timothy Dwight as its head. The object of this Society is to interest the University in an unofficial way in the work of foreign missions. It has been felt that every great university is obliged to its own country not only, but also to the more needy non-Christian nations. If, in its own membership, there are men who are consecrated to the mission work and are sent out by its members, the responsibility for foreign missions is intensified and a corresponding interest is likely to be awakened. In the case of Yale the various Christian denominations are so fully represented that it was deemed impracticable to send out its men under any single board; hence, while it is loosely connected with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, it is really independent.

The first missionary and his wife have been in China nearly a year, and have spent most of this time in making investigations as to the form of work to be undertaken, location, etc. As the result of these investigations it has finally been decided to confine the activities of the Society to higher Christian education. The missionaries of all the societies in the Central Province of Hu-



nan, at a meeting last summer, cordially invited the Mission to undertake the responsibility of carrying on the higher Christian education of the Province in their behalf. This invitation has been accepted. Three additional men are pursuing special studies, of whom two will proceed to the field next year. Still other men will be sent on as the work makes its demand for a larger force. The new college will be located at Chang-Sha-Fee, the provincial capital, which is located within 200 miles of the geographical center of China proper.

As to the support of this Mission, the aim is not to withdraw funds from existing missionary societies, but to raise the money within the Yale constituency itself. The salaries of the missionaries are to be paid by little groups of men in the classes of which they belong. The money for building, etc., has already largely been raised from a few individuals, while the running expenses will be raised through a general canvas of those not giving in other ways.

### THE "NOUVEAUTES."

It is surprising how few people realize the fact that they can hear as good a French play as anywhere in the world, with the exception of the best half-dozen, or so, theatres in Paris, right here at the Théâtre des Nouveautés. We would encourage all students in general to keep in touch with the modern French stage, and Honour Students especially. In the last three weeks *L'Aiglon*, *Mademoiselle de la Sciglière* and *Le Monde ou l'on S'ennuie*, were presented, all of them plays studied in the First and Second Years in Arts. We cannot recommend too strongly this theatre to the student body. They will find that the very recent French plays are interpreted with a remarkable vim. They will find actors here who come from tried stages of Paris and whose interpretation, although not always faultless, is a most refreshing treat after our never varied American operas.

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## Athletics

### AN AMERICAN COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME.

During the discussion which has lately taken place as to our present football rules, a good deal has been heard about the game as it is played across the line. We think, therefore, that the following account of the Columbia-Cornell game, by J. J. Creelman, in the *Varsity*, will be of interest to our readers.

The scene of action, Percy Field, justly called the "gridiron," was, owing to the rain which fell in torrents before the game, a veritable sea of mud, bearing more resemblance to a "wallow" than to a football field, as we understand the term. On both sides of the field, running the full length, were the "bleachers," there being but one small covered stand, with a gallery for the

representatives of the press, and from which a telegraph operator sent constant reports in all directions—such was the interest shown throughout the Eastern States. The price of admission was two dollars, yet every stand was crowded.

Columbia had brought down five hundred supporters from New York—a journey lasting seven hours—and these were seated together at one end of the field. The Cornell stand was divided into sections, in front of each of which was a "yell leader," who had complete charge of the cheering and singing of that particular section. These "yell leaders" received orders from the "leader of the University yell." Columbia also had her leaders out in front to see that their team received a sufficient amount of encouragement from its sup-



porters. It was thrilling indeed to hear each Cornell section separately and in turn give their College yell; then the whole series of stands would cheer together. Such an expression of feeling and enthusiasm as this would serve to inspire any team to greater deeds, and it would be well if we could give some such systematic encouragement to our own team here at 'Varsity. The yelling was not only at the beginning of the game, but lasted throughout, and was specially loud when the home goal was in danger and the team most in need of encouragement. Songs also were sung from time to time.

Each team came to the grounds with a rush, followed by their "spares," and immediately began practicing mass play at either end of the field. The "spares," numbering about twenty to a team, filed to their benches at the edge of the field.

The uniforms are very different to those worn by our players, there being few vests, just jerseys heavily padded at the shoulders and elbows. The pants mostly have strips of wood laid under the canvas as a protection to the thigh, with padding at the knees. The "tacklers" wear heavy leather breastplates, while pneumatic headgear and nose-guards are seen everywhere.

The men are large sized and heavy, and the game chiefly depends on strength and weight. A man on the line of less than one hundred and eighty pounds is considered light, and must make up in skill what he lacks in weight. Those behind the line may be of slightly less weight.

Each team consists of eleven men, of whom seven are on the line. The positions from left to right are left end, left tackle, left guard, centre, right guard, right tackle, right end. There is no holding while the ball is put in play. The centre "snaps-back" the ball to the quarter, who either "bucks the line," "runs around the end," or passes the ball to one of the backs. These, however, seldom kick, but trust to bucking and running round the end to gain

the five yards necessary in three "downs." The game depends very greatly on what we would call "off-side interference play." During this particular match the ball was kicked but seven times, and only twice during the whole game did it go outside the touch-line. Altogether the ball did not travel more than five hundred yards or so. From this one can form some idea of the closeness of the play and the evenness of the two teams.

During the game several men were disabled and replaced by substitutes. At every cessation of play trainers and coaches rushed on the field with water and sponges, and washed the mud from the eyes and mouths of the players. After the half-time interval both teams reappeared on the field wearing fresh suits.

The game resulted in a hard-won victory for Columbia by 17-12, the half-time score being 17-0.

In closing, the writer remarks that the American game requires finer training and greater endurance than does ours, but is not so interesting to the spectator owing to the scarcity of running and kicking, the whole game depending on mass play. One thing that strikes him particularly, however, is the way every man turns out to support and cheer on the team.

#### R. V. C. BASKET-BALL.

The rumour of a Cup to be given for Interclass Basket-Ball has given an added zest to the Interclass matches, as was shown by the great enthusiasm and excellent play witnessed Saturday morning in the matches between the Juniors and Partials, and between the Seniors and Sophomores.

The line up for the first match was as follows:—

##### *Juniors.*

Miss Lyman..Forward..Miss Fogarty  
Miss Idler.. Forward..Miss Harling  
Miss Moule... Centre ...Miss Sclater

##### *Partials.*



Miss Hill...Defence...Miss Mills  
Miss Pearson...Defence...Miss Riley

The play was fast and vigorous, and very much all over the field, but the ball seemed most often in the hands of the Partials. Around the Partials home the fight was particularly intense, but the Juniors' defence was excellent, and when half time was called neither side had succeeded in scoring.

During the second half the game proceeded with even increased vigour, but, owing to the good defence on both sides, it seemed as though no scores were to be made. The Partials' forwards got in some very pretty, though as it proved, ineffective plays. The Juniors' forwards seemed to waste their energies in trying to play too much all over the field, and not confining their attentions enough to the basket. The teams showed lack of practice and very little combination work was introduced. The game seemed altogether rather unorganized and confused, yet few fouls were made, and there were no accidents. There was no score until just before the whistle blew for time, Miss Lyman made 2 by a free throw, which decided the game in favour of the Juniors; the score 2—0.

Both teams need practice, but the Juniors are to be congratulated on their defence.

Then followed the Senior-Sophomore match, which proved to be one of the best games of Basket-Ball ever witnessed in the R. V. C. Gymnasium. Both teams were in excellent condition and lined up as follows:—

<i>Seniors.</i>	<i>Sophomores.</i>
Miss Freeze...Forward...	Miss Frazer
Miss McCally...Forward...	Miss Holway
Miss Simpson...Centre...	Miss Clark
Miss McKenzie...Defence...	Miss Mowat
Miss Dickson...Defence...	Miss Douglas

The play, from the first, was clear, and open, and fair, though a good many fouls were made by both sides. The game opened most auspiciously with a basket for '06, made by Miss

Holway, followed almost immediately by a basket for '04 by Miss McCally. Then came a free throw for the Sophomores, which resulted in no score, followed soon by a free throw for the Seniors, by which they scored 2. Another basket was made for '06 by Miss Clark, in a very brilliant play from the field, followed by a basket for '04, by Miss Freeze, just as the whistle blew, making the score at half time 8—6 in favour of the Seniors. No accidents had occurred, and the game seemed to be equally enjoyed by players and spectators. The individual play on the Sophomore team was excellent, better, taking it altogether, than the individual play of the Seniors; but the Sophomores lacked good combination, especially between the forwards, while the passing between Miss Freeze and Miss McCally was the most interesting and brilliant feature of the game. They certainly showed the best combination play seen yet in any of the College matches.

There was also, however, some excellent passing between Miss Douglas and Miss Clark, on the '06 team, while the Seniors' defence and centre showed little combination. One of the most brilliant and effective features of the Senior play was Miss Dickson's long throws, which, in connection with the excellent combination between the forwards, gained much for '04. This led in some rather novel features in the second half of the game, the Sophomore forwards devoting themselves almost entirely to playing a defence game on Miss Dickson; thus leaving Miss McKenzie, the other defence, free to get in some very good and effective work, which Miss Freeze and Miss McCally, at the basket, were not slow to take advantage of, each of them making a basket. Miss Fraser also made a basket for '06, but another free throw for '04 gave them an added 2, and when the whistle again blew, the



score stood at 16—9 in favour of the Seniors. This result was really a great surprise to every one, for '06 were last year's champions, and were considered still the best players in College. This is the first time in its history that '06 has lost *anything*, while '04 have been known by their reputation as "the cheerful losers," so they are now to be congratulated on their new departure.

#### HOCKEY AND SKATING.

The first meeting of the Hockey and Skating Executive was held on Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. in the Arts' building.

It was decided to begin work in the College rinks at once, and they will be opened during the holidays. There will be two rinks arranged in the usual way. The prospects for the Hockey teams are bright. Of last year's team all the men are back with the exception of Crawford, and there are several promising Freshmen in sight. It is felt that McGill must redeem her reputation and at all events keep the Hockey Championship in Montreal this winter. Considerable difficulty is being found in

getting practice hours for the team. It is probable, however, that it will play at the Victoria Rink.

Manitoba College, for three years Intercollegiate champions of Manitoba, are trying to arrange a trip eastward to play McGill, Queen's and 'Varsity.

During the season the Executive will meet in the Arts' building every Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock.

#### NOTICE.

##### Hockey Practice Hours.

All Classes and Years are requested to elect Hockey captains at once and to apply for Hockey Practice Hours on the College Rink.

Each Class is entitled to two hours a week and each Year to the same number.

Applications for practice hours are to be sent to the undersigned, and will be considered in the order in which they are received. It is advisable that several alternative hours be submitted in each case.

S. DALE HARRIS,  
*Sec. Hockey and Skating Club.*

### About the College.

#### THE PHILOSOPHIC PREMIER.

(Apropos of the Debate).

A philosophic premier

Long past the prime of youth,  
Grown dreamier and dreamier,

What can he know of truth,

I met him in the usual way,

At golf he sadly played,  
And mused, in pauses of his play,  
On Insular Free Trade.

I took him gently by the hand,

I asked for information  
On "Little Arthur's England," and  
The welfare of the nation.

"How many members does one find  
Still in your cabinet?"

I know that several have resigned;  
How many have you yet?"

His features lost their wonted frost  
Of languid inattention,  
The word "resign" sent up his spine  
A thrill of apprehension.

"Why, we are seventeen," he said,  
"To talk I am unwilling;  
Do read my little book instead,  
They sell it for a shilling."



Indignant that he thus replied,  
 I would not be dismissed,  
 "If you are seventeen," I cried,  
 "Pray let me hear the list."

"Myself and St. John Brodrick, two,"  
 In thought he did begin,  
 "Then Austen Chamberlain will do,  
 Yes, I will count him in."

"There's Ritchie and the Dreamy Duke  
 And Dumpophobia Joe,—  
 They only left us by a 'fluke,'  
 They never meant to go."

"With these I reckon Hamilton,  
 And really that is all,  
 Except some younger gentlemen,  
 Whose names I don't recall."

"But surely, Mr. B.," I cried,  
 "A lot of those resigned!"  
 The party leader gently sighed,  
 And answered "Never mind."

"But they are gone, these men resign-  
 ed  
 Out of your cabinet!"  
 Again he answered "Never mind,"  
 "They're really in it yet."

"The first to go was little Joe,  
 At night he couldn't sleep,  
 He pushed away his food each day,  
 and moaned, 'Too cheap, too cheap',  
 "We soothed him with quinine, home-  
 made,  
 And German Bounty Jam,  
 But diagrams of foreign trade  
 Depressed his diaphragm.

"And when the nurses round his head  
 Discussed the next election,  
 He sprang from his Imported bed,  
 And screamed, 'I want protection,'  
 And screaming thus he woke the Duke,  
 Who took a pen and wrote,  
 "Enclosed please find I have resign-  
 ed,"  
 And put it in his coat.

"The ducal taste abhors all haste,—  
 He wrote another letter,  
 "Enclosed please find I change my  
 mind,'  
 And wondered which was better.

"Then Ritchie had to leave his post,  
 Haunted all night, he vowed,  
 By Cobden's mild reproving ghost,  
 In an imported 'shroud.'

"And that is how they all resigned,  
 And yet I do not fret,  
 As soon as I make up my mind,  
 I mean to lead them yet.

"A few more tracts, a few more facts,  
 To mystify the nation,—  
 They'll rally round some empty sound,  
 Perhaps Retaliation.

"Free Trade, of course, once had its  
 force,  
 But now, though we regret it,  
 To something else we'll have re-  
 course,  
 And presently forget it."

STEPHEN LEACOCK.

#### THE PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

The Physical Society, or Cigarette Club, meet fortnightly at 5 p.m., in the Macdonald Physics' building.

This is the least known, but is in one way the most important of all the College Societies.

It owes its origin, and much of its success to Prof. Cox, and the rest to Prof. Rutherford, and these two gentlemen take year, turn about, as President. The Society meets in the President's office, and the deliberations are always on the leading scientific issues of the day.

A few years ago it was the Roentgen rays, then helium, then liquid air, and now it is radioactivity; a subject in which they notice the peculiar behavior of anions and other little things under various trying circumstances; and quotations are read from the writings of continental gentlemen, who either from their lamentable ignorance of English, or their love of the mysterious, set forth their ideas in German, in ugly little periodicals, bound in lurid pink, and printed with such heavy type that the back of each page sticks out like relief printing for the blind.



It is rather sobering to the average college man, who considers the Students to be the Whole Thing in a University, and thinks only of his professor as the old bore who makes him sit and listen for an hour, to hear these same professors discussing in ordinary conversation the new discoveries they have made during the day; and it seems hard to realize that the jolly and unobtrusive looking gentlemen who hand you the sugar, or talk with discernment to you about the merits of different tobacco, are spoken of with respect all over the world whenever learned men do hobnob together.

After a cup of tea and a biscuit, and a little chat, one begins to feel quite radioactive and ready for business. It is not known definitively whether they start a new box of biscuits every fortnight, or whether Levi hangs up the old ones over the coils to dry; at any rate they are always delightfully crisp.

If many are present, all adjourn to a lecture room, where the audience consists of two or three ladies of a scientific frame of mind, a dozen professors and lectures from the various scientific chairs of all the Faculties, each advertising his favourite brand of cigarette, and half a dozen foolhardy Fourth Year Honour Mathematical and Electrical men who don't get enough lectures between nine and five.

Last Thursday's meeting opened with an able report by Miss Harriet Brooks on the researches of Von Lerch, and a description of a few of the decaying enough thorium to emit a weighable and under different conditions.

Prof. Rutherford, who is perhaps the leading antagonist of the theory that these emanations are immaterial, then made a few remarks; he said that while there was no possibility of ever obtaining enough thorium to emit a weighable deposit to the anode, there was no doubt that if radium were used, a deposit of half a milligram could be easily obtained in about 10 years. He spoke highly of the work carried on by Miss

Brooks in the Cavendish Laboratory, and said that her experiments, and especially her deductions as to the effects of atmosphere dust, had been of great service in clearing up several obscure points.

Discussion was then in order. The only trouble with this part of the program is, that as the topics are always on lines of very special research, the argument is seldom very violent, as perhaps not more than half a dozen in the room are sufficiently up in the subject to risk a question or remark. Quite a few happy attempts were made however, and it was pleasing to watch the surprised smile deepen on the questioner's face as he finds he has struck somewhere near the mark.

Just then the six o'clock gong rang; but the President, hidden behind a thick bank of cigarette emanations (by the way it would be interesting to discuss the radioactive properties of cigarette smoke), called for still another address.

"I think we have had about all we can digest to-night," said a scientist of repute.

"Oh, not at all, not at all," shouted the insatiable President through the fog.

"Well, let's go home and try a dinner for a change," replied Archimedes.

So the motion to adjourn was carried and they all went out of doors.

#### UNDERGRADUATES' LITERARY SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the above Society was held in the Law Room of the Arts' building on Friday evening. President McGougan occupied the chair. After the usual preliminaries, the programme opened with a humorous reading by Mr. Auld, Arts '07. Then followed the main feature of the evening which was a debate on the subject of the "Fiscal Question." The affirmative was supported by Messrs. Howitt and Cousins and the negative by Messrs.



Greenhields and Richards. The question was thoroughly threshed out and some of the speeches were decidedly good; Mr. Greenshields in particular showing remarkable aptitude for platform speaking. For clear and logical presentation, Mr. Howitt should no doubt come first, while for a thorough knowledge of the subject and mass of argument as well as for unintentional and hair-raising "breaks" Mr. Cousins undoubtedly leads. Mr. Richards, considering that this is his first appearance before the Society, also made an excellent showing.

The judges for the evening were Prof. Flux, Prof. Caldwell and Dr. Leacock. While these gentlemen were arriving at a decision the audience was favoured with a reading by Mr. Jenkins, '05, and a short speech by Dr. Cunliffe, who was also present. Prof. Flux then furnished a masterly criticism of the style and matter of the speeches, at the same time pointing out a number of arguments which might have been produced for the strengthening of the opposite positions. He also announced that the decision of the judges, though not unanimous, was in favour of the negative.

The attendance was considerably larger than at any previous meeting, window-sills and even standing-room being utilized to accommodate the number present.

#### **INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE. OTTAWA—McGILL.**

The long-talked-of debate between representatives of Ottawa College and McGill University will take place in the Assembly Hall of the Royal Victoria College, on the evening of Friday, Dec. 4. The programme will begin at eight o'clock *sharp*, as on account of the breadth of the subject under discussion it may be found necessary to extend the time limit of the speakers a little beyond what is usually allowed.

For the musical part of the program-

me, the committee has been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lois Shepherd and Mr. C. Waterman, who will each contribute solos. Miss Lichtenstein of the R.V.C. has kindly consented to act as accompanist.

Let there be a large turn-out of the student-body to encourage our men, so that, if we cannot this year take first place in Athletics, we may, at least to some extent, redeem ourselves in the literary line.

#### **'Varsity Wins in Debate From Queen's.**

'Varsity won the first debate in the Inter-University series on Friday night at Toronto, by defeating Queen's. From all reports, however, it was no easy victory as the Queen's men were not only powerful in argument, but were also pleasant and finished speakers. The subject was: Resolved: "That the United States is justified in maintaining the Munroe Doctrine," and the Queen's men, Messrs. P. M. Anderson and W. Guggesburg, supported the affirmative. The 'Varsity team was Mr. J. G. Workman and Mr. W. J. K. Vanston. During the evening several choruses were rendered by the Glee Club, a feature which McGill would do well to copy.

#### **DELTA SIGMA.**

The Regular Meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held on Monday, Nov. 23, in the Common Room of the R.V.C. The programme consisted of two papers, one by Miss Idler, '05, on *Curios*, the other by Miss McCally '04 on "Old China."

In the paper on *Curios*, Miss Idler pointed out that the tendency to put carefully away and cherish certain valued possessions was one common to the whole human race, but was manifested chiefly in childhood; for example: take the contents of the average urchin's pocket. Perhaps the remark which made the deepest impression



upon those present was the following quoted from a sampler made by a little maiden of the seventeenth century.

"Look well to what you take in hand  
For larnin' is better than house and land;  
When land is gone, and money is spent,  
Then larnin' is most excellent."

Miss McCally confined her remarks to the history of old china in England, from the first crude attempts which were copies of the oriental patterns to the artistic work of later centuries. It was pointed out that the china of the present day was inferior to that of a century or two ago from the artistic point of view, as the work was then done by hand instead of by machinery, as now. The blackboard illustrations of the marks peculiar to each pottery establishment were most interesting, as well as being most artistically executed.

#### **ALMA MATER TRANSACTS. BUSINESS.**

The Alma Mater Society held its Regular Monthly Meeting last Wednesday night, and the proceedings were enlivened by several more or less lively debates. The Treasurer of the Theatre Night Committee, Mr. Wallace, presented the following report of the financial aspect of Theatre Night, which was adopted:—

##### **RECEIPTS.**

Grant from Law.. . . .	\$15.00
Grant from Arts.. . . .	25.00
Grant from Science.. . . .	60.00
Grant from Medicine.. . . .	80.00
Theatre Tickets.. . . .	396.50
Gallery Tickets.. . . .	223.50

Total Receipts.. . . . \$800.00

##### **EXPENDITURES.**

Printing (Witness).. . . .	\$13.00
Band (Fusiliers).. . . .	30.00
Fireworks (Holland).... .	40.00
Rent of Piano.... .	5.50
Theatre.. . . .	566.50
Presents.. . . .	42.00
Ribbon.. . . .	6.80
Decorations.. . . .	57.50
Two Seats.. . . .	2.50
Balance.. . . .	36.20

Total.. . . . \$800.00

A communication was received from the Arts' Undergraduates Society recommending that the Alma Mater Society draft a form of constitution which might be used by the University Class organizations. Mr. Ogilvie spoke at some length on the question and finally moved that it be left over, to be dealt with later. There was no seconder, however, and Mr. Scrimger gallantly came forward with a motion to appoint a Committee to draft such a constitution, which was seconded by Mr. Fyshe. After a few remarks by Messrs. Archibald and Perry, Miss Dickson, Mr. Scrimger and Mr. Shearer were appointed to the Committee.

Mr. Perry then moved to hand over the surplus from Theatre Night to the Football and Athletic Clubs as a refund for the seats purchased by them for the 'Varsity track and football teams. The President ruled the motion out of order as unconstitutional. After a few remarks on the Dance question from Mr. Murphy, Mr. Ogilvie again returned to the charge and moved that the money be returned to the Athletic Club, following a precedent established two years ago. The debate waxed hot, but as the Donaldas seemed to be becoming restless, a vote was taken and the motion declared carried. Mr. Murphy said he desired to place himself on record as being against the motion and asked that the yeas and nays be recorded. After some wrangling as to the constitutionality of this move, the President finally consented to a division of the house. It was found that some one had plundered, and the motion was lost. In the excitement following this discovery, the Donaldas escaped and there being nothing else to keep the members the meeting adjourned.

It has been decided to abolish all tipping of waters at Harvard Commons.



### MCGILL LIBRARY NOW FOURTH IN CANADA.

The Redpath Library has this month passed the 100,000 mark in the number of its volumes. Only three other libraries in the Dominion now exceed it. The Parliamentary Library at Ottawa has 240,000 volumes; the Toronto Public Library, 120,000, and the Laval Library at Quebec, 110,000. But the McGill students have by the courtesy of the authorities of the four Theological colleges, access to their libraries; this makes up the number available to 130,000. Of these about 75,000 are in the stack of the library building, while the others are kept in the departmental libraries of the Faculty. In addition, there is a fine collection of pamphlets, among which there are the 9,000 historical tracts lately given by Mrs. Peter Redpath. When all these are counted in, McGill claims as useful and practical a working library as can be found in the Dominion.

It is, however, small compared with the libraries in the United States. Setting aside the great public libraries such as the Congressional at Washington, or the Public Library at Boston, many of the leading Universities far exceed McGill. Thus Harvard has 600,000 volumes; Columbia, 340,000, and Yale, 250,000, so that it is evident much remains to be done to provide McGill with a library that will meet all the manifold demands of a modern university.

### REV. C. A. SYKES, B.D.

Rev. C. A. Sykes, B.D., will speak in the Redpath Museum on Sunday afternoon. His subject will be "Jesus Christ and the Scholar." These addresses on Sunday afternoons are commanding the attention and interest of a large group of men. This address will be well worth hearing.

### THE MCGILL OUTLET.

#### KEEP IT DARK.

Dark eyes are becoming quite common about the College. "But if they ask what's the matter with your eye," says Mr. Jacomb, "always tell them you got it at football; I don't want to get the Manly Art into disrepute."

#### DONALDA DOGMAS. NUMBER ONE.

Next to killing the goose that lays the golden eggs, the most foolish thing is to snub the goose that pays for the periodic ice-cream.

#### HOW IT HAPPENED.

Fatuous Freshman forges foolish fabrications from facts furnished from fair female's fancy.

Savage Sophomores silently stalk saucy scamp; souse struggling stripling in saturated solution of suddenly submerged sand-bank (stated by scientists safe and sanitary for satisfying salivary sacs).

Furious fanatic, fresh from fountain, finds fillibustering fellow Freshmen; fabricates furious feelings. Free Fight-Fractured fibula. Fines.

Authoritative announcements awaited. Awful anxiety about angry author's approaching abdication, and asinine accomplices' absolute annihilation.

#### TO ENCOURAGE THE WEARING OF CLASS CAPS.

When I was young I used to think  
Of what I'd like to be;  
The things I'd do and say, to make  
The boys all envy me.

At first myself I pictured as  
The policeman on our beat;  
With club, and buttons on my coat,  
I'd stand along the street;  
To-day for things like that  
I wouldn't care a rap,  
—I'd rather be a FRESHMAN,  
And wear a dinky cap.

I've thought I'd like to wear a sword,  
And march behind the band;



Or else I'd ride a prancing horse,  
 At the head of my command.  
 No more such fancies please  
 Me as of yore they did.  
 —I'd rather be a FRESHMAN,  
 And wear a goo-goo lid.

How fine I thought that it would be  
 To ride upon the reel,  
 As rushing down the street we'd go  
 The jingling bell I'd peal.  
 —I've found out something louder  
 Than any noise like that,  
 I'll be a blooming FRESHMAN,  
 And wear a blood-red hat.

"San."

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#### TEA.

The denizens of the R.V.C. are getting up a Greek Letter Society. At present, opinion is divided between the Kuppa Tea and Tea and Pie Societies. In either case, however, there will be tea. They will meet at the uncanny hour of 5 p.m. At initiation, novices will be compelled to drink cream and sugar without any tea in it, to sit mum for 35 seconds, and to do their hair in front of a concave mirror.

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#### STUNTS BY SAMMY.

"My Dear Son," wrote the father to the Freshman, as he enclosed the monthly cheque.

"Just to pass the Time Away," sang the youth in the parti-coloured waistcoat, as he negotiated his watch at Uncle Abraham's.

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#### ABOUT SMITH.

We hate to crib, but everybody doesn't read "Punch";—Mr. John Smith, a gentleman in Cincinnati, delights in being known as "The Greatest Whiskey Drinker in the World." Undoubtedly he has recently been compelled to drop the last two words from his title. He was only twenty-seven.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

W. HOWARD DEBLOIS, SCI. '01, is still advancing the interest of the Nichols' Chemical Co. Early in September he married Miss Mary Crawford of Halifax and took in Montreal on his wedding trip. Since his marriage he has been moved from Capelton, Que., to Camden, N.Y., thus increasing the number of Canadians in the United States.

JOHN A. HEAMAN, SCI. '02, has had a second move on, this time from Toronto to Winnipeg. The success of the G.T.P. from Winnipeg East is now assured as the careful John is to superintend the location work of that section.

ROBERT W. DALGLEISH, ARTS '98, as "sky pilot" in the foot-hills of the Rockies, north of Calgary, is now the proud owner of a one-room shack and a broncho. He thinks the boundless West *the* place, though his memory sometimes wanders back to "Old McGill."

MR. MATHIEU, Law '05, represented McGill at the banquet held by the Laval students, at Quebec, on November 24.

J. G. DICKENSON, '04, represented Arts' at the Annual Conversazione of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, on November 18.

"SYD" MITCHELL, '01, held an informal reception in the Redpath Library on Saturday afternoon. Syd, who will be remembered by all except the Freshmen as the genial assistant librarian, is at present a student at New York State University, Albany, N.Y., where he is taking a special course in library work.

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity was held in Syracuse, N.Y., November 11, 12 and 13.

DR. COLBY will entertain the members of the Historical Club, at his house, on Bishop Street, on the oc-



casion of their regular meeting next Wednesday.

MR. MORIN, Law, '05, represented McGill at the banquet given by the Notarial Students of Laval, on Saturday evening.

MR. CLEMENT MUNN, B.A., Arts '02, who has been instructing the youth of Montreal, at the Berthelet School, has lately been transferred to the High School, where he takes the position of assistant mathematical master.

### EXCHANGES.

McGill is not the only place afflicted with the dance mania. The University authorities at Chicago have just found it necessary to place a time limit on all dances. They will have to close up when the clock strikes twelve. Students, moreover, are not to dance more than two nights a week—on Friday and Saturday—so our dance magnates may feel that they are not so badly off after all.

The last issue of the *Harvard Lampoon* (it appeared before the Yale Match) was a football number.

Here are some of the stunts it works off:—

Even a girl doesn't know the difference between the right half and the second half; she can tell the difference between a full back and a straight front every time.

She—How many yards do they have to gain now, for a touch-down?

He—Twenty.

"Oh, that'll be a score, then, won't it?"

"Hic!" said the scrub football player from Holworthy, as he fell over the steps, "Third down and a yard to go."

### OVERHEARD AT A GAME.

The Fellow—That's Miss Dresser, isn't it? Can't you pick her out down there, by the side-lines?

The Girl—Oh, *they're* all right. What

I don't like is the way it fits in the back.

Instructor — What's the joke, you there in the front row?

'07 (blushing) — There isn't any, s-sir.

Instructor (fiercely)—Oh, yes, there is. I made one. *Ex.*

"It certainly goes without saying," murmured the chauffeur, as he jumped into his auto and pulled the lever.

—*Jester.*

There was a young man of Deraggon  
Who had a perpetual sleepy look:

He lay with a straw

Well stuck in his jaw,

And the other end stuck in a flagon.

—*Record.*

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Montreal, Nov. 26, 1903.

To the Editor of the OUTLOOK:—

Dear Sir,

In a recent issue of your paper, a notice appeared that the Undergraduates' Society of the Faculty of Arts would request the Alma Mater Society to draw up constitutions for the several University Years, and submit the same to such Years for their sanction.

The Alma Mater Society, I understand, has undertaken this work and appointed a special committee of three for the purpose. They realize, however, that such a constitution is merely a suggestion, and cannot be binding upon the Years. I don't wish to criticize the action of the Alma Mater Society; indeed, they could hardly have done otherwise than courteously accede to the request of students of Arts; but it seems to me that the adoption of any *written* constitution is quite unnecessary. It is a matter of common knowledge that



the United Kingdom has no written constitution, notwithstanding the fact that it is an organization of considerable importance.

The demand is, I understand, due to two causes: 1st, the uncertainty as to what constitutes a quorum; 2nd, the fear that some future committee, such as the 1910 Annual Board or Junior Dance Committee, may appropriate the proceeds thereof to their own use and refuse to account therefor.

1. As to the matter of the quorum:

It is not quite true as stated that the president of such a Year organization could come to the place of meeting and pass motions all by himself. Every public meeting, of necessity, requires two persons: one to preside and one to record the minutes. But, quite apart from that, the rules as to quorum operate more frequently to the disadvantage of an organization than they do to its advantage. If due and reasonable notice of the time and place of meeting have been given, then I see no reason why the lack of interest of the members should impede business. Let us suppose some business of immediate importance is to be considered, and the quorum is 10. Only 9 turn up, and the business cannot legally be done. If only 9 are enough interested to come, I see no reason why they should not decide the matter under discussion.

2. As to return of moneys by Committees:

To my mind a Committee is but the agent authorized to act for the larger body in regard to certain matters. It is a fundamental rule of the law of agency that the agent acts as and for his principal, to whom he must account for all acts done, and moneys received by him in respect to the matter for which he has been appointed. Failure to do account and misappropriation of such funds is

considered as theft, and punishable accordingly (Criminal Code of Canada, § 312). Why should a constitution be drawn up to provide for possibilities, with respect to which both our civil and our criminal law have dealt?

Thanking you in advance for so much of your valuable space, I remain,

Yours truly,

STUDENT.

Montreal, Nov. 22, 1903.

Editor OUTLOOK:—

Dear Sir,

It is about time the Editorials on the Dance Question were written from one point of view, and not as they are at present written to suit the purpose of Arts and Science, whom a glance will show run the OUTLOOK.

The first editorial on the question, in No. 3, took a moderate tone, and neither one side nor the other, but in No. 4, after the Juniors had decided to hold their Dance, in any case, the real wish of Arts and Science, or shall we say the OUTLOOK comes to light in the following: "The natural outcome should be that the old Arts' and Science Dances be continued."

In No. 5, after the Alma Mater Society had recommended that the Arts and Science Dances be continued, you, of course, "believe this suits the majority," and go on to say that if any Dance should be dropped, it must be the Junior Dance, because, forsooth, it is the youngest. It certainly is, but is it not also the only Dance run under the Year system, which Arts and Science, or the OUTLOOK, as you like, have been so busily advocating?

In No. 6, Medicine is taken to task, because they are *at last* affected by the "Dance Mania," which Arts and Science have had so long, and we are



informed that "that was the time if ever that they should have declared themselves in favour of the Year system." We did not meet the wishes of Arts and Science in this, and as a result are informed that "it distinctly shows what a farce it is to speak of a Class and University spirit in Medicine." "Arts and Science are willing to give up their Dances in favour of University Class functions." This latter is certainly news, and we may be pardoned if we ask for proof before we believe it.

Arts and Science were mainly instrumental in procuring the Class

system, which has worked so beautifully (?), and it is whispered that it was because Medicine had captured all, or nearly all, the trophies worth having that the change was made. Now, let Arts and Science *show* that they are willing to stand by the Class system in everything, and not only in what *suits* them, and Medicine will show that it is not one whit behind, but let them go on as they are at present, and there is nothing for us to do but to look after the medical end of things.

MEDICINE.

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## Class Reports.

R. V. C.

1905.

As it is the most delightful function of our Third Year, we regret that the Junior Dance is not still in the future, but are trying to console ourselves with the glory which has come to the Class, which has given "the most successful Dance." We feel we must acknowledge our debt of gratitude to '04 for having originated this Dance—not but that we might have thought of it ourselves. At least, we are sure that future Years will look back with reverence to '05 as the first Class to give a dance during the term before Christmas.

The Philosopher of our Class, to whom we have always looked up with awe, was lately asked to join a learned "Philosophical Society." Her reply to this invitation showed her usual spirit of philosophical inquiry—"I'm not sure that I have time. Do they have supper?" It is not too little to hope that on some future day there will be published a book on "The Transcendental Dialectic" or

some such subject. Then, when we hear the famous author discussed, we'll be able to say in a seemingly indifferent tone "Oh yes, she was a classmate of mine. I knew her very well. I remember one night when she used an uncut volume of Kant to crack hickory nuts."

Nor is this learned member the only one of our Class whom we expect to become famous through her "published works." We expect nothing less than a dictionary from the girl who, when asked which of two sentences sounded better, answered, "I think the first is more symphonious."

"As we grow older, we grow wiser." Have you observed how much wiser certain Juniors look lately? One has had a birthday, which was celebrated with all due solemnity and another has cut a wisdom tooth. Consequently, we feel that "older children," to quote the '04 "Annual," no longer applies to '05, and that next year we shall be quite ready for the responsible position of Seniors.



"Of all sad words of tongue or pen," the saddest are these: "It might have been—if we had been able to find a corkscrew and a can-opener."

### 1906.

Many thanks Arts, '06.—Who said the days of chivalry were over?

For the present we would like to advice all who feel inspired, to devote their energies to winning that Delta Sigma prize for '06. What couldn't we do with twenty-five dollars?

We trusted to a Psychology Lecture for something elevating to pass on to those less favoured. Nothing happened, however, except—well, never mind what, but one does wonder sometimes if professors have to deposit caution money.

Query—Does "submoves" suggest a policeman or a street car conductor more clearly?

Dr. W-k-r is evidently a firm believer in the saying, "There is always room for one more," especially when it is a case of "another tower."

*"Nemo me impune lacessit,"*

### ARTS.

#### 1904.

Pindar is not generally supposed to have much to do with modern College life, except as a theme of study. Yet, as we read certain effusions recently published in the OUTLOOK, and which, as each line began with a capital letter, we suppose were meant for verse, certain lines of his to the following effect occurred to us. "The wise poet is he who knoweth much by nature; but there be glib-tongued learners who, like crows, scream their vain songs against the divine bird of Zeus." To show what the true poet's work is like we publish the following trifles, lately written, and passed out through the barred window of his cell, by our poet, Mr. L. I. Merick,

in the intervals of composition of a dirge over McGill's late disasters. He calls them

#### YODELS OF THE YEARS.

##### 1.

A Freshie set up as a "pote,"  
And published the stuff which he  
wrote,  
Indignation grew stronger,  
Folk could stand him no longer,  
So one night they severed his  
throat.

##### 2.

A sporty young Sophomore swell  
Liked the looks of his boots very  
well;  
They slipped on the ice,  
And there burst in a trice,  
From his lips, th' imprecation "Oh,  
why don't they put ashes on  
this sidewalk?"

##### 3.

A Junior, when out at the Dance  
Met a younster by some luckless  
chance,  
Said the kid, with a cough,  
Are you Freshman or Soph.?"  
He froze him to death with his  
glance.

##### 4.

Of the Seniors, I don't mean to say  
One can't jolly them once in a way;  
But as they're my own Year,  
And my life I hold dear,  
I'm not going to guy them to-day.  
Thus (says our poet) in tripping  
rhyme and metre,  
Have I touched some minor foibles,  
Lesser weaknesses and failings,  
Of the Years of our great College,  
For my cell-door is a foot thick,  
Window barred, and chimney like-  
wise,  
Bullet-proof the walls of stone are,  
Shot-proof is the shield I carry,  
So, *sans* fear of consequences,  
I indulged my vein for satire,  
And make known to OUTLOOK read-  
ers,  
How thy look to those who watch  
them.



1905.

We beg to apologize to our classmates for the non-appearance of a report from Arts '05 last week, but we assure them that we are not in the least to blame, for, as a matter of fact, that most valuable document disappeared mysteriously, and has not turned up again. We are well aware that there have been several attempts upon our life, but that anyone should have stolen that manuscript is too horrible to think of. No! No! We would rather believe that it was refused by the Editorial Board.

Apropos of the attempts upon the life of the Class Reporter, allow us to say that anyone who makes any such attempt in the future will have cause to regret it, as we have provided ourselves with an *armed bodyguard*. In order to make this warning more effective, let us state that this is none other than T-p-r, who always carries a heavy cane, and prepared for any emergency. The general impression is that T-p-r is suffering from a broken heart or toe, or something of that kind, but this is not the case;—sh—! it is only a ruse whereby he may cause the ruffians to be over-confident, and thus take them by surprise, should they make any trouble. Anyone to whom our bodyguard has said that his limp was due to gout will now know the real truth. There was a report to the effect that Chas. had tried to kick someone, but all who knew his sweet nature merely laughed the suggestion to scorn, and so we do not take the trouble to contradict it.

What *can* our Kenneth mean when he says that he “dropped into the Parisian for a *snorter*?” (Answers to this query must be in before next issue of the OUTLOOK).

By-the-bye, before we forget, there are some verses which the village

wit (C-tt-n, says that he fills that position in Cowansville) has concocted while in a melancholy mood. We hope that friend R-s-, who reports what '04 doesn't do, will spare them his stinging satire, as we assure him that anything below Homer is quite unworthy of his valuable criticism. With regard to our colleague of '04, we feel sure that Shakespeare was thinking about him, when he said—“What's in a name?”—“A rose by any other name would smell as sweet!” and “Ah! what a thing it is to be wide-known!” and several others. Shakespeare's genius was indeed not wasted. Well, to continue—these are the lines:—

“There was a young man called  
Rubinowitz,

Who once took a drop too much  
ginowitz;

A copper him seenski,

Whacked him on the beanski,

And now he's *dead*—Ain't that a  
sinowitz?

M' - - try has been worrying a great deal lately, with the following result. There were ten other verses, but, as Rennie's death will probably be a horrible one as it is, we won't bother putting them in. The poem—a sentimental ballad—is called, very appropriately, “The Isles of Grease,” and portrays the hardships endured by a boarder in Montreal. This is a verse from the middle of the poem:

“In vain, in vain! we seek to sink  
Lump-sugar in the coffee-cup,  
We must attach our wedding-rings,  
And get it out when we've drunk it  
up.

Such woes as these we underwent,  
When at McGill our youth we spent.

In conclusion, we would remind all delinquents, who have not paid their OUTLOOK subscription, that we are ready and willing to receive their dollars. Vale!



1907.

This time the Poet's spasm took the form of a sonnet "to B-ly-a Asleep in the Library," but after reading—

"Oh, beauteous youth as fair as Hyacinth,  
Sitting in peaceful slumb'rous stupor there,  
An aureole playing round thy waving hair,  
Thy rosy eyelids——"

We decided to throw it into the waste-basket without even looking to see what he got to rhyme with "Hyacinth."

Here's a joke which one of our classmates recently got off which we will guarantee to beat anything ever heard around here:—"What would *Wick ware*, if *Chester* were *Payne* for his clothes?"

Since our offer to answer questions, we have had some which it is altogether beyond our powers to answer. These we refer to the readers of the OUTLOOK.

E. F. C.—Where does the man who wrote the account of last Saturday's events expect to go? (Mr. Ch-n-l-r does not say when, but we presume he means during the Xmas holidays.)

R. C. B.—If B-l-n (I.) wears a six and a quarter hat now, what size will he wear after he has seen his name in the OUTLOOK?

E. G. T. P.—If Wood were obliged to drop his eyes onto his book, would he have to get new eyes or a new book—or both?

#### Jottings in the Reporter's Note-Book.

*Mem.* Some people appear to take the OUTLOOK Reports seriously. (Always thought no one did.)

*Mem.* Don't attempt any "romancing" in your reports. Where would you be if they compared your feeble attempts with the work of the man who reported Saturday's fun?

*Mem.* Try and find out if only one man got his head wet on that occasion, owing to what physical peculiarity it was that the other three who had water poured over their heads kept them dry.

#### SCIENCE.

1904.

Herein lies the whole duty of man: to whoop up the Science Dance; to pay up Undergraduate Society fees, and to abstain from swiping the Reading-Room magazines.

We weep to hear that Peter Clusk has fallen into evil ways. Son Peter has become a devotee of the Main chance. Her name is Ethel.

*Machine design*—Consider a little elephant breadth b and height dh on the rim of the fly-wheel.

Brodgers and Latch are getting busy on what they fondly call the fool-killer. Incidentally they say they don't expect to be with us after Xmas.

"There's a home for little children Far above the bright blue sky."

On the other hand we might note in passing that:—

"There's a hole in the bottom of the sea."

*Prof. R's joke*:—"Well, I suppose you fellows are alternating between hope and fear about your exam."

#### STUNTS BY SAMMY.

How much does it take to get a HEAD on Venturi?

The Hydraulic Lecture are becoming very parched (Webster—*Parch—to become dry.*)

"The pen is mightier than the sword" remarked the wealthy pork packer to the impecunious colonel.

"Now wouldn't that soak you" said Dr. Brown as he stepped into the tank in the Prohibition Laboratory.



Sammy also revises the song "In the days of old" in "The Yankee Consul:"—

"In the dear old, dear old, olden days, in the days of long ago; in the dear old, dear old golden days, things were not like this you know. Theory examples they did not have to do, nor over weirs to measure the flow. They did not have any Christmas exams in the days of old. (This, he remarks in closing, is a monos-tick—see Webster—a poem complete in one spasm.)

Don't forget the OUTLOOK subscriptions; hand them either to Grimsdale or the Reporter.

### 1905.

Indications point to war in the far East; but in the meantime watch out for doings in the carpenter shop.

What an affliction it is to have a name that not even M. Buellac can pronounce; isn't it *Idswarde*?

The Electricals were treated to a cheap examination last Thursday. Some of them are complaining yet because they had to take it standing up.

The Civils and Miners had a half-examination last Wednesday too. Little Rosie Kydd pronounced it better fun than the "Royal."

Guy Scowler had his hair cut one day last week. B. C. papers please copy.

On reading the OUTLOOK last week, Andrew Carnegie decided to endow a Freshman Reading-Room for McGill Science. This will save the worthy Class of '07 two bucks apiece, doctor's bills thrown in.

There are a few members of the other Years, however, that have not come up to the mark. Can't you see that agonized look on Jack Campbell's face?

Mr. Repeater Redroad will shortly begin his series of Lectures on "Nocturnal Occurrences in the Orient." Meanwhile he, with Cottontop and Kaiser Maxwell, is busily engaged in adding to his already abundant knowledge of the subjects.

Not all advances in Science are made along the lines of electricity. Our esteemed friend from St. Thomas has perfected a deep sea sounding machine, which is far in advance of anything before heard of. The details of the invention are known only to the inventor himself and to our general surveying professor. It is said in some quarters that machines embodying the same principle were used by the Italians thousands of years ago and that the Lipari Islands owe their origin to this fact.

P. Plugger MacIntosh admits that he got sewing-machines, tide gauges and sounding machines all mixed up on that exam.

Mr. Rockwood Purbee, on being interviewed by a press representative, stated with regard to exams., that he never was in better shape. He says he knows all about Calculus and could give the Dean pointers on the Theory of Nonsense. His trainer Mr. Yop He Mill Macken, corroborates the above statement in every particular.

Little Rosie complains that the girls look at him in the Geology Class, and that he can't take notes on that account. We don't believe it; there's a mistake somewhere.

### 1906.

The Chemical Laboratory has again been the scene of a small but beneficial presentation. The Civils of '06 after a protracted discussion of ways and means decided that a change was necessary, and forthwith proceeded to take up a collection of 15 cents (and a mother of pearl shirt-



button) which was presented, with all due ceremony, to Mr..... that he might therewith purchase a hair cut.

The Chemistry Lecture is no longer the stirring event of the week. The boisterous student of Naughty-Six no longer conducts himself as becomes the small boy. The little frolicsome pebble is no longer heard taking its joyous course down the steps.

Even when the awe-inspiring experiment fails to materialize, and the wily equation cannot be solved owing to the flicker of the sunbeams on the blackboard, the self-respecting student maintains a demure silence.

#### 1907.

M-r- -s suggests that some personals be put in the report of Science '07.

Cheer up Arts '07! remember you have many friends!

(Special). As the Reporter of R. V. C. '07 will not give names, would she kindly let us have a description of those eyes which were seen gazing at her Class through that hole in the ceiling of the Lecture Theatre in the Physics building, for there is much anxiety among several students as to which of them has the honour of possessing the said pair of eyes.

If W-ll-a-s continues to progress so rapidly in his Mathematics, he will soon be unable to contain himself *and that smile* without either of them getting shoved out of place, but perhaps he is competing for the position of Lecturer to '07.

(To Science '04). In your report of last week you mentioned that the Freshmen had not paid their Undergraduate dues. Quite true! But why don't the other Years in our Faculty take the lead (as they ought), and give us an example of their virtues by paying up themselves.

### Ancient Rhymes Revived.

SECOND IN THE SERIES.

LITTLE SOPHY.

A poor little Sophy  
Sat drinking his coffee,  
All on a cold winter's day,  
Then came a young Freshman,  
In his hand a big saucepan,  
And frightened poor Sophy away.

Didn't the players for Queen's appear  
to relish that gum which each was  
chewing all Saturday afternoon?

They might have put the energy to  
a better use.

### MEDICINE.

1904.

Like the wizard of autumn, the Junior Dance has passed; and its history is shelved as a second volume to that written on Jan. 16 last, when '04 initiated this event. Nothing remains of it now but its memories, and these to those of us who were present will long remain. As is always their custom, the men of '04 turned out in goodly numbers, and enjoyed one of the pleasantest events in the social history of their College days.

The Juniors did well; they can royally entertain; especially in limiting the number of admission to 200, and, perhaps profiting by some of our mistakes, they conducted the Junior Dance not only as a credit to themselves, but to the whole University. If a suggestion could at this time be pardoned, it would be but to voice the general regret that on the programme, the waltz—the queen of dances, should be deposed by her younger and less popular rival, the two-step.

What a disparity between B. P's hoary hairs and the cattish capers of his feet! C. A. C. should have been there; the ladies were all ask-



ing for him! Couldn't you send them a curl, Ches? But no! I forgot!

Never mind Charlie, you're small of your size, but in a couple of years you may have a blue-eyed fairy all for yourself! Did anybody see Gil-  
lie? I noticed him going down to lunch at 10.14 2.5 p.m. Will the caterer kindly liberate him at once, as the boarding-house needs his presence. "Who's that tall dark fellow, with the black moustache and the haunting eyes?"

1905.

**Hubert's Unpublished Traits of  
Squamlock Holmous.**

—"And now my dear J. Wat-thon."

—Just Watson without the J. please.

—Well Wat-thon I'm thorry to thee that you are thill in doubt ath to how I identified the dead man, ath the one who had fourteen wiveth in London. Firthe of all, let me point out that the corpth hath no hair and no thirteen femaeth could have made the poor man tho bald nekth hith dethcriphthion thayth he wath 4 feet 11, and by accurate meathuring we find he ith now juth 4 feet 11, and thome few incheth in height.

"Altho, I notithed from a wood-cut of the dead man in the War Cry that he had a thcar 17 1-8 in. long behind hith right ear, and that egthactly correthp-  
pondth to thith thcar 4 in. long on hith left writht. Again my dear Wat-thon, you mutht obtherve for yourthelf. Thth bullet-hole in thith foot thhows that h

had hith bootth on when he fell, which wath alwayth very characterithtic of the dear departed. You can thee that he alwayth wore hith right bootth on the right feet."

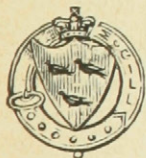
—But my dear Holmous, how do you account for the fact that the man in London was a stout hearty man, and this man, who has been living in New York lately is a very thin worried looking man?

—"Nothing thimpler, my dear Wat-thon. Hith hithtory tellth uth that he did not lothe fleth, till Tammany lotht power there thome yearth ago. But, if thith bullet had not ended hith life, he would have lived to thee a bigger cor-  
porathion than ever hath been.

Answers will be received at the office until June, 13, 1905.

**LAW REPORT.**

No result of the rise of democracy is more important to the working man than that of adequate compensation for injury incurred while in an employer's service. The time was in England, and elsewhere, when the employee, no matter how serious the accident or how grave his employer's negligence, received no compensation for the grievous or fatal injuries he might receive, as the servant of his master, or of the public in general. He became a useless instrument and was cast aside. The ever-present struggle for existence was made more



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terrible for him and his family for human cruelty and indifference.

Legislation moved slowly, but more potently with the determined expression of democratic power. The thought of compensation to all injured employees was appalling to the manufacturer, and he granted no more than he was forced to do. From granting a meagre compensation in cases where gross negligence of a railway company (England) to be responsible for all injuries to employees. He is enabled to do this by a method of insurance. In Germany the idea has been carried even further; for here it must be proved that a person has actually allowed himself to be injured, before he can be refused a pension or a compensation.

These remarks were prompted by a curious judgment many years ago, of Lord Chief Baron Pollock. He held that "suffering is so much the common lot of humanity, that no matter by what gross negligence of a railway company it might be caused, the sufferer had no right to recover any compensation for his pains." This reminds us of Lord

Coke's decision that "all infidels are in law perpetual enemies."

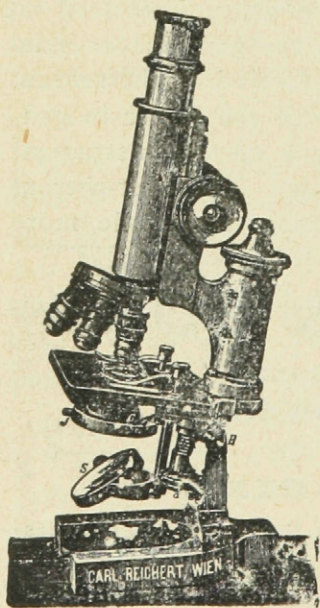
It was an Irish barrister who thus addressed the Bench: "Your Honour, I shall first absolutely prove to the jury that the prisoner could not have committed the crime with which he is charged. If that does not convince the jury, I shall show that he was insane when he committed it. If that fails, I shall prove an alibi." *Ex.*

Some members of the Naughty-Six are sorely perplexed over the distinction of things, or is it pure cussedness that makes them ask questions?

Sambo, for instance, believes that, since all animals used to cultivate a farm are immovables under French law, the French farmers' daughters are immovables.

Trotty inquired whether the progeniture of such animals were immovables under French law. He was requested to look up his physiology book, then apply the rule of attachment of the ancestry of said progeniture and figure it out.

Another man could not understand



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why, seeing that cars and beasts of burdens dwelling inside the mines were so, the miners themselves were not immovable.

Another wise Guy asked whether coal was an immovable when utilized as motive power for locomotives. Quoth the Professor, so are stokers necessary to run the engine.

If earth that detaches itself from land by natural causes is an immovable, are we to consider the water we drank for a month or so *not* a moveable?

#### IN THE SUPREME COURT.

(English lawyer cross-examines a French nun.)

Lawyer—Vous etes bien soeur J. de J.

Nun—(faltering) Oui, monsieur.

Lawyer—Vous etes *nourrice* n'est-ce pas?

Nun—(half faints, then in tremulous tones) Non, monsieur, je.. je.. je suis garde-malades.

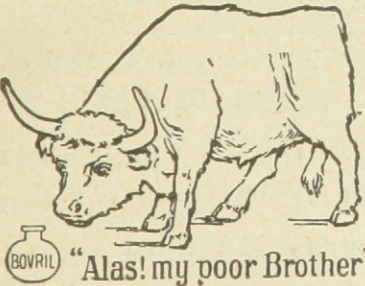
And the case went on.....

Who says we should abolish the dual system of tongues?

#### WHAT'S WHEN.

Wednesday, Dec. 2	5-6 p.m.	Basket ball practice.
	" "	Boxing les ons.
	8-10 "	Fencing Club Squad C.
Thursday, Dec. 3	12-1 "	Boxing lesson.
	5 "	Gymnasium Classes.
Friday, Dec. 4	5 "	Basket-ball practice.
	5-7 "	Fencing Club Squad C.
	8 "	Medical Society.
	8 "	Literary Society.
	9-10 "	Boxing lesson.
Saturday, Dec. 5	3 "	Basket-ball practice.
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	5 "	Gymnasium Classes.
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		5.30	"	Glee Club.
		7.30	"	OUTLOOK Board Meeting,
Tuesday,	Dec. 8	5	"	Gymnasium Classes.
		12-1	"	Boxing Classes.
		9-10	"	" "

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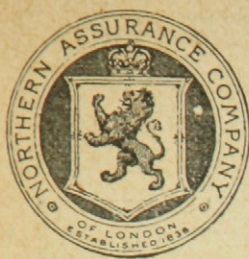
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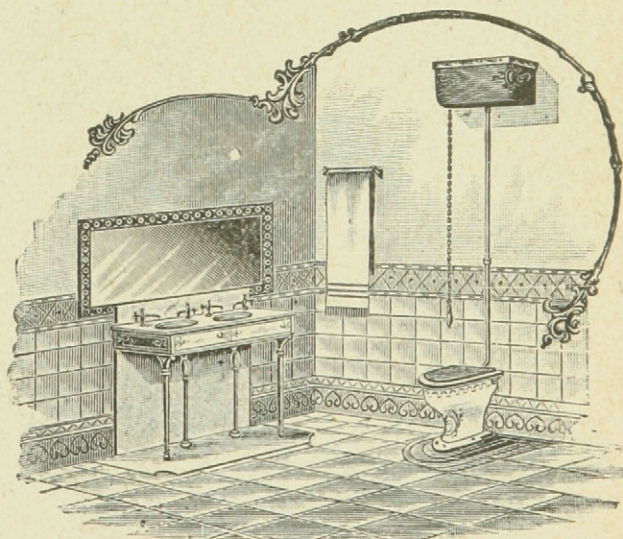
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